



Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Minutes

April 5, 2013

Parks Operations Building

2529 High Country Ct, Grand Junction, CO 81501

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board Member, Kamie Long at 8:04 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Kamie Long
Teddy Hildebrandt
Shirley Nilsen
Richard Edwards
Carl Hochmuth
Charles Thompson

Parks & Recreation Staff Present:

Tom Ziola, Forestry Supervisor
Tricia Rothwell, Leisure Service Representative

Item 2: Approve Minutes

Carl Hochmuth moved to approve the March 1, 2013 Forestry Board Minutes. Richard Edwards seconded the motion to approve.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3: 2013 Arbor Day Program Discussion

Shirley Nilsen presented thank you cards for the Board to sign for Lowes, Home Depot, and 4-H for donations of time and money.

Tom Ziola stated that on April 17 at the City Council Meeting the Tree City USA Proclamation will be read and the award presented. Tom then said that school presentations will be next week and that is when the winners of the poster contest will be announced. Tom invited the Board to help with the

presentations. Shirley Nilsen mentioned that Dual Immersion Academy teaches in both English and Spanish. Shirley suggested that next year the poster contest rules be written in Spanish also.

Kamie Long said that 10 Master Gardeners had volunteered to help with Arbor Day. Carl Hochmuth reminded the Board that the Master Gardeners will have a booth that day. Also needing a booth are ALCC, Project Learning Tree, and Chinle Cactus Society.

Tom Ziola then stated that Kamie Long will talk at the dedication and Ryan Gibb will be honored.

Tom Ziola said that set up begins at 8:00 a.m. Kamie Long then asked what we needed the Master Gardeners to do. Teddy Hildebrandt stated that two Master Gardeners could be used at the tree climbing demonstration. Tom Ziola will arrange to have Dave Roper inspect the climbing saddles. Tom Ziola, Teddy Hildebrandt and Charles Thompson decided to meet April 19, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the climbing tree in Lincoln Park.

Kamie Long then asked if Ryan Gibb will need help with the Arboretum tour. Teddy Hildebrandt said that Ryan will need handouts printed. Ryan will start in the Barn then go out into the park.

Shirley Nilsen stated that she would like to practice making the bird feeders before Arbor Day. Kamie Long added that she will help. Shirley said that she was thinking of an assembly line set up. Kamie suggested that the Master Gardeners cut and tie string beforehand. Kamie and Shirley will meet April 11, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at the Parks Operations building to practice.

Kamie Long then summarized the plan for the pruning demonstration. A presentation will be given in the Barn then the participants will be split into small groups to go outside and practice on trees. Tom Ziola said he would arrange to have small potted trees available.

Tom Ziola then asked if anyone needed a P.A. system. The Board answered no.

Shirley Nilsen asked if the Master Gardeners could help on the Arboretum Tour with the QR codes. Kamie Long answered that she will see how many Master Gardeners would be available.

Tom Ziola said that we will fence off the climbing area. Kamie Long suggested have three Master Gardeners at the climbing demonstration.

Kamie Long asked about the planting demonstration. Tom said that we will show how to transfer a seedling into a pot. Tom Ziola said that he would pick a tree and a location for the Arbor Day tree. Kamie then summarized that the plan would be to do a presentation first, plant the tree, then honor the poster winner.

Kamie Long then suggested the Board get together after Arbor Day to go through the entries for the tree care drawing. The Board decided on April, 25 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Parks Operations building. Tricia Rothwell said that she will have an entry box and poster made for the giveaway.

Tom Ziola then brought up Liqui Green trimming trees. He said they are not licensed to trim but they can spray. Tom asked the Board to call him if they notice Liqui Green trimming.

Tom Ziola left at 8:56 a.m.

Item 4: Yard of the Month Discussion

Shirley Nilsen stated that she received two \$25 gift cards from Lowes and two \$25 gift cards from Home Depot for Yard of the Month prizes.

Shirley Nilsen left at 9:00 a.m.

Kamie Long then volunteered to ask Bookcliff Gardens for one additional prize.

Item 5: New Business

Kamie Long then told the Board about Tree Campus USA. Kamie said the qualifiers are:

- 1) Campus Tree Advisory Committee
- 2) Campus Tree Care Plan
- 3) Campus Tree Program (Annual expenditure of \$3 per full-time student)
- 4) Arbor Day Observance
- 5) Service Learning Project

Kamie added that there are about a half dozen Tree Campus USA's in the state.

Kamie Long and Tom Ziola are working with Colorado Mesa University to become a Tree Campus USA. Kamie stated that Asset Engineering is going to donate two Dawn Redwoods to replace one that had to be removed from the CMU campus.

Richard Edwards asked if the goal was to get Liqui Green to become licensed.

Kamie Long answered yes. Kamie suggested keeping the list of licensed tree care providers in the car and to call Tom Ziola if you see a company providing unlicensed services.

Kamie Long asked Tricia Rothwell to send a copy of the tree care licensing test to the Board.

Item 8: Adjourn

Richard Edwards motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carl Hochmuth seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adopted by the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board: Yes 5 No 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Rothwell